restoration process was taken up expeditiously and the grid was normalised by the evening of 18-2-1993.

(c) Some of the important measures being initiated are installation of shunt capacitors of adequate capacity to improve voltage profiles, installation of fast acting automatic under frequency relays to arrest frequency decay/grid collapse, engineering and commissioning of islanding schemes to prevent total collapse and review of protective relaying schemes for better coordination.

**Increase in Tariff by D.E.S.U.**

3544. SYED SIBTEY RAZI : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking propose to increase Electricity Tariffs in Delhi;

(b) if so, details thereof with background;

(c) what are present tariffs in Delhi.

(d) whether D.E.S.U. is aware of unauthorised consumption of electricity in several J. J. Colonies, Jhuggies and Paanshops of Delhi;

(e) whether such unauthorised consumption has been burdening the authorised consumers by paying increased tariffs every year;

(f) whether Government propose to take some action in the matter; and

(g) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) and (b) The Electricity tariff in Delhi was last revised in March, 1991 after a gap of about six years. In view of the alround increase in the cost of in-puts and to off-set the revenue deficit, DESU has proposed further revision of tariff. No decision has been taken on the proposal so far.

(c) The existing electricity tariff in Delhi is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(d) to (g) Theft of electricity by direct tapping in Jhuggi-Jhopri clusters etc. in Delhi is a problem. Since the electricity tariff is fixed on the basis of various cost parameters and DESU has not increased its tariff every year, there is no specific burden on the authorised consumers due to unauthorised connections in so far as payment of tariff is concerned. Raids are conducted by DESU from time to time against theft of electricity and unauthorised connections. DESU and Slum Wing of Municipal Corporation of Delhi are formulating a scheme for providing regular electricity connections in JJ Clusters to check this problem.

**Statement**

| Category | Existing DESU tariff (from 1-3-1991) Paise per unit. | |
|---|---|---|
| *Domestic* | 40 | (first 100 units) |
| | 50 | (next 100 units) |
| | 150 | (next 100 units) |
| | 200 | (above 300 units) |
| *Non-Domestic* | | |
| Low Tension | 150 | |
| High Tension | 170 | plus Rs. 60/- per KVA |
| Water Supply | 137 | |
| *Industrial* | | |
| Small Industrial Power (SIP) | 125 | |
| Large Industrial Power (LIP) | 200 | plus Rs 60/- per KVA |
| Street Lighting | 137 | |
| Agriculture | 20 | |